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SAVANNAH RIVER SITE CONSTRUCTION SETS NEW SAFETY RECORD

AIKEN, S.C. (May 20)—At the close of business yesterday, SRS Construction surpassed the Site's record for the greatest number of Construction man-hours worked without a lost-workday injury or illness.

Construction forces worked 13,893,000 safe hours, beating the old mark of 13,890,367 million safe hours set on July 8, 1988. A typical construction site in the US would experience one lost time injury every 83,000 hours.

In fact, you have to go back to June of 1998, almost six years ago, to find the last Construction lost-workday case. In current terminology, a lost-workday case is referred to as a "Days Away" injury, or a case in which a person could not have performed any work because of a work-related injury or illness.

"I can't say enough about this wonderful accomplishment," said Westinghouse Savannah River Company President Bob Pedde. "We have the best safety processes that exist in our application of Integrated Safety Management, but for Construction to reach this level of performance takes a terrific amount of skill, attention, and belief in the importance of safety. I hope we can extend this record indefinitely."

Bill Elkins, president of partner company Bechtel Savannah River, Inc., and director of WSRC's Projects, Design and Construction Business Unit, said, "I am continually amazed at the performance and dedication of the men and women of construction. They are truly world-class."

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WSRC continues to retain STAR status, the highest award in DOE's Voluntary Protection Program for safety excellence. In addition, planning continues towards the annual SRS Safety Conference, a two-day event highlighting both workplace and family safety. The Safety Conference will be held June 15-16 at USC-Aiken, and will feature sessions that are open to community participants and employee family members.

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